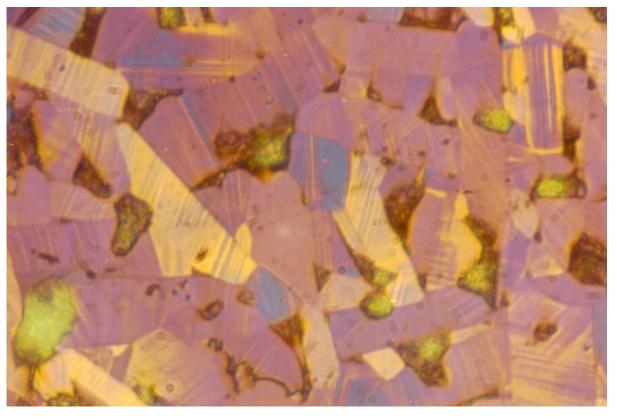
SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIALS



Optical micrograph showing the microstructure of high-Tc metal oxide superconductor YBaCuO, observed in reflected polarized light

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) has established a comprehensive program in high-temperature superconductivity (HTS). The program is based on a basic research effort to provide the scientific basis for understanding and controlling the behavior and properties of the newly discovered class of HTS materials. The program includes a strong experimental effort to fabricate and measure the properties of these materials and a major theoretical effort to develop fundamental theories relating processing and fabricating procedures to atomic and microstructural characteristics.

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